

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 6. The rejections are respectfully traversed. This Response "A" cancels claim 4, amends claims 1 and 5, and adds new claims 7 to 14. Accordingly, claims 1 to 3, and 5 to 14 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Asano et al. (US 5,086,663).

Independent claim 1, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because they each include the limitation "wherein one of the upper and lower surfaces of the guide block is concave and the other of the upper and lower surfaces of the guide block is convex." No prior art of record reasonably discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by amended claim 1. Asano et al. disclose utilizing a pin 17 having a circular cross-section. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Reynolds et al. (US 6,289,761).

Independent claim 1, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because they each include the limitation "wherein one of the upper and lower surfaces of the guide block is concave and the other of the upper and lower surfaces of the guide block is convex." No prior art of record reasonably discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by amended claim 1. Reynolds et al. disclose utilizing a pin 106 having a circular cross-section. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1 to 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zhang et al. (US 6,352,007) in view of Oberheide et al. (Publication US 2003/0056615 A1).

Independent claim 1, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 4. Dependent claim 4 has been cancelled. No prior art of record reasonably discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by amended claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

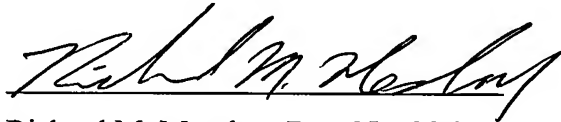
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Mescher", written over a horizontal line.

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